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SUBJ: SECURITY COUNCIL: BOTSWANA COMPLAINT

1. AT JANUARY 13 SESSION OF UNSC, SC PRESIDENT (USSR) CIRCULATED CABLE RECEIVED FROM RHODESIAN FON MIN VAN DER BYL, IN WHICH HE ASKED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DELIVERATIONS OF COUNCIL ON THE BOTSWANA COMPLAINT. SINCE THE REQUEST WAS MADE UNDER PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 32 OF UN CHARTER, WHICH REFERS ONLY TO STATES, AND SINCE NONE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SC RECOGNIZE SMITH'S GOVERNMENT AS A STATE, THE REQUEST WILL BE DENIED. TEXT FOLLOWS:

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PRIORITY - PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL UNITED NATIONS LAKE SUCCESS, NEW YORK

2 THE RHODESIANS GOVERNMENT HAS LEARNED THROUGH THE MEDIUM OF THE PRESS THAT THE SECURITY COUNCIL IS TO DEBATE TODAY A

COMPLAINT BY BOTSWANA REGARDING ALLEGED ACTS OF AGGRESSION AGAINST THAT COUNTRY.

THE RHODESIANS GOVERNMENT DOES NOT ACCEPT THESE ALLEGATIONS AND IN TERMS OF CHAPTER FIVE ARTICLE THIRTY TWO OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS REQUESTS AN INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DISCUSSIONS RELATING TO THE DISPUTE.

THE RHODESIAN GOVERNMENT FURTHER REQUESTS AN ADJOUNMENT OF THE DISCUSSIONS BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL OF THIS DISPUTE IN ORDER TO ALLOW IT TO PREPARE ITS ANSWER TO THE ALLEGATIONS BY BOTSWANA AND TO ARRANGE FOR THE ATTENDANCE OF A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE RHODESIAN GOVERNMENT IN THESE DISCUSSIONS.

I SHAL BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WILL ARRANGE FOR THIS COMMUNICATION TO BE CIRCULATED TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL. HIGHEST CONSIDERATION

P.K.F. V. VAN DER BYL MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

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